

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph as follows:

-- Also, in the present embodiment, the three SSPs 30a to 30c will be explained, assuming that the three SSPs have one and the same configuration. Actually, among the three SSPs, storage apparatuses 310 differ in their numbers, their configurations, and their connections inside. The differences, however, exert no influences on the carrying-out of the present invention. The respective SSPs 30 include the plurality of storage apparatuses 310, and each storage apparatus 310 includes therein a plurality of volumes 312, respectively. In addition, the storage apparatuses 310 are connected to the network 24 via a network router 301. The respective SSPs 30, using a managing console 305, manage the storage apparatuses 310 in the respective SSPs, the ~~volume~~volumes 312 in the storage apparatuses, and the network router 301. --